

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A hoist for transfer of cargo containers to and from vehicles ~~comprising in combination with a cargo container and a truck having a bed for supporting said containers to travel thereon~~, the hoist having:

a loadspreader having vertical engaging hooking means for securing ~~said~~ a cargo container thereto;

means for supporting said loadspreader for ~~said~~ the container on a truck bed to ~~drive said container be driven under and aligned~~ parallel under said loadspreader;

a plurality of links of equal pivot length, connecting said loadspreader to said support means to form a parallelogram linkage to swing said loadspreader substantially horizontally up and down;

cable and winch means for latching said loadspreader up and for releasing said loadspreader when the weight of said loadspreader is lifted off of said winch means;

biasing means to reel up slack cable to ~~hold the load lifted after being lifted~~ operate the winch;

a tab on the front of ~~said~~ the truck bed to engage the forward end of ~~said~~ the container when aligned with ~~said~~ the truck bed to swing up said links to lift ~~said~~ the container;

said vertically ~~engaged~~ engaging hooking means ~~for~~ connecting ~~said~~ the container to said loadspreader when aligned therewith for swinging said loadspreader up to lift and hold ~~said~~ the container to clear ~~said~~ the truck bed so the truck can leave the container on the loadspreader held lifted by said winch means; and

means for releasing said vertically engaging hook means when the weight of said container is relieved therefrom as when the truck bed is ~~pushing~~ supporting the container on the loadspreader ~~with the container~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A hoist as in claim 1, said loadspreader having depending legs integral therewith to extend down to pivot to swing the loadspreader on said links to ~~conserve head room~~ reduce the height of the hoist.

3. (New) A hoist as defined in claim 1, said links having means to bias the links to swing up slightly to clear the loadspreader over the container when being driven under said hoist and tab means extending down from the loadspreader to engage the entering, then forward, end of the container to push the loadspreader down on top of the container aligned to engage said hooking means.

4. (New) A hoist as in claim 3, said means to bias the links including weight extended from the links.

5. (New) A hoist as in claim 1, said biasing means including a weight.